

Fremont Open Space Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 4, 2007
DRAFT MINUTES

Attendance: Janice O'Brien, Jack Karcz, Bill and Noreen Johnson, Larry and Jessica Lubowski, Kenn Jones, Tina Sturdivant.

Meeting began at 7:05 PM

Glen Oakes

Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien, Janice' son Ray, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Karcz went into Glen Oakes last Saturday and installed the credit sign, and three town ordinance signs. While in Glen Oakes, they discovered digging in at a graveyard site located on the property. Mrs. O'Brien notified Heidi Carlson. Ms. Carlson recommended filing a police report. When the Fremont Police Department was contacted, Mrs. O'Brien learned that a Brentwood citizen filed a report a few weeks earlier. The Chief of Police indicated that he had gone to the site, taken photographs and was planning to return to fill in the hole. Mrs. O'Brien told the Chief that she and Mr. O'Brien had returned to the site on Sunday and filled in the hole.

Mrs. O'Brien asked committee members to sign up for monitoring the Glen Oakes Property. Ideally, the property should be walked once a month to look for signs of disturbance, status of the ordinance signs, signs of wildlife, ATV traffic, etc. Mrs. O'Brien distributed a map of the Glen Oakes Property containing the sign locations and the logging roads on the property to use for a guide while walking the property and a checklist to take on the walk to record any findings. All monitoring slots were filled from November of 2007 to August of 2008.

There is no report from Sarah Callahan (Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests) about the site walk in Glen Oakes that took place on September 6, 2007.

ERLAC

Mrs. Sturdivant reported that the river signs have been installed around town.

NROC

The Natural Resource Outreach Coalition meeting entitled "Creating an Open Space Plan" took place last Monday, September 24, 2007.

There will be an NROC dessert night on Monday, November 15 from 6:30 to 7:30 in the Planning and Zoning Meeting Room in the basement of town hall. NROC will be presenting the newly drafted NRI text and maps developed by Rockingham Planning Commission. The public is invited to attend.

Land Conservation Projects

There are still ongoing conversations with landowners interested in preserving their land. Mrs. O'Brien hopes to have appraisals of the properties scheduled by the end of this month.

Eagle Scout Project

No update to report on the Eagle Scout project.

Land Evaluation

One additional property owner has shown interest in preserving their land. This parcel of land is 53 acres in size. This landowner will be referred to as Landowner F. The committee members present scored the land using the "Open Space Criteria Scoring Form". The total score for the property was 71. This is the second highest score recorded thus far.

Mr. Jones made a motion to present the property to the Conservation Commission as an open space land conservation project. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lubowski. All members were in favor of the motion.

A motion to approve the meeting minutes from June was made by Mr. Karcz and seconded by Mrs. Johnson.

Next months meeting will be on November 6, 2007 at 7 PM on the main floor of Town Hall.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Sturdivant and seconded by Mrs. Lubowski. The meeting ended at 8:10PM.

Respectfully submitted

Tina Sturdivant